

PACIFIC TREATY AMENDMENT DEFEATED

EXTENT OF COAL STRIKE IS NOW CHIEF PROBLEM

Whether Anthracite Miners Will Be Involved Is Important Question.

WILL CONFER TODAY

All Sides Regard Bituminous Walkout April 1 as No Longer Avoidable.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 14.—Extent of the coal strike, set to begin in a fortnight, now hinges on a settlement in the anthracite field and on decisions that may be made by the policy committee of the United Mine Workers of America affecting the bituminous coal industry. For the first time, wage contracts for both fields expire on March 21, indicating the possibility of a complete cessation of work at all union operated mines.

The anthracite miners and operators meet Wednesday in New York to consider a new contract. The miners ask higher wages, the operators want a reduction.

Sec'y of Labor Davis and John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, exchanged views Tuesday on the threatening situation in the bituminous coal industry and both were said after their conference to be of the opinion that a nation strike in the union fields was inevitable.

Mr. Lewis assured Mr. Davis again of the willingness of the miners' union to open negotiations for a new national wage contract, a proposition which mine operators are refusing to entertain.

On Thursday, March 16, the tabulation of the strike vote case by the bituminous miners begins at the union headquarters here. It is considered certain to favor overwhelmingly a strike unless a new contract is made. The anthracite miners' convention settled the strike question for those workers, declaring for a walkout in absence of a new contract. However, the policy committee has the authority to override either the vote or the convention declaration, but nothing now indicates any such action is probable.

Policy Committee Has Key.
The keystone of the soft coal miners' demands is the retention of present basic wages. Pressure of the non-union operators in the partly organized fields might lead to a new contract there without one having been signed for the central competitive field. Such a possibility seemed to the vote or the convention. Kennedy, president of the northern West Virginia district union, agreeing to negotiate a contract with operators at a meeting to be held in Baltimore, March 25. Union officials are elated at this possibility, which might affect other districts not 100 percent organized. Final approval of such contracts would rest with the policy committee, according to union officials here.

\$50,000 to Be Affected.
The separate state agreement for Illinois also has been threatened by Frank Farrington, district union president, who is leader of the anti-administration faction of the union, but he has not carried his threat to the extent of meeting the operators and has declared that he would be bound by policy committee decisions. John L. Lewis, international president, and other administration officials have declared against the single state agreement, particularly within the general competitive field.

Even should a strike be confined to the strongest union districts it would probably call out at least 150,000 miners, according to union officials. The anthracite field, though only partly unionized, has been closed down completely by past walkouts. This industry employs 150,000 men in Pennsylvania while the central competitive field has almost a quarter million miners. In addition, there are several strong districts such as those in the southwestern coal producing states.

AFRICAN REVOLT IS BEING SUPPRESSED

Official Communication Reports Progress by Government Forces.

By Associated Press.
PRETORIA, South Africa, March 14.—Good progress has been made in suppressing the revolt, according to a long official communication issued Tuesday. Many new points where loyal forces were besieged have been relieved and great numbers of prisoners have been taken. The police garrison at Brakpan, re-occupied by government forces, had been without food or water for three days. The warring movement of the government forces is complete and the situation is well in hand.

FORDSBURG BOMBARDED.
JOHANNESBURG, March 14.—(Nooon)—Fordsburg, a few miles from Johannesburg, at this hour, is being bombarded by artillery and tanks and machine guns.

TOWN CAPTURED.
CAPE TOWN, March 14.—The Cape army has received a dispatch from Fordsburg saying the town surrendered after 75 minutes of bombardment.

Murder Victim



John T. Brunen, showman who was shot to death in his home at Riverside, N. J., as he sat near a window. He was a friend of Wm. D. Taylor, slain movie director.

OFFICIALS FOLLOW REVENGE CLUE FOR SLAYER OF BRUNEN

Prosecutor Expresses Belief Arrest Will Be Made Within 48 Hours.

RIVERSIDE, N. J., March 14.—Hundreds of persons, including circus folk and members of fraternal organizations attended the funeral Tuesday of John Theodore Brunen, circus proprietor, shot to death as he sat reading in his home Friday night. The services were to have been held at 2 p. m., but owing to the great crowds that packed the house and overflowed into the lawn, it was after 4 o'clock when the ceremony started for the cemetery.

After the funeral, Pros. Jonathan Kelsey and County Detective Ellis Parker expressed the belief that an arrest in connection with the case would be made within 48 hours. Revenge, the prosecutor declared, undoubtedly was the motive for the killing, which, he added, had been "planned cunningly by a shrewd, coldly calculating mind." When fully exposed, Kelsey would have taken full charge of everything. The details would be startling.

SHIPPERS DEMAND RATE REDUCTIONS

Railroads Only Industry in Which Costs Have Not Come Down, Is Claim.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Railroads constitute the only great industry in the country which have not been "compelled by the laws of commerce and industry to reduce prices and reduce costs," according to a brief filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission by Clifford Thorn, spokesman for shippers. In closing the general investigation into transportation rates, shippers' prices of commodities have dropped 50 per cent and interest rates on money 25 per cent since 1920, when the last general advances were put on railroad service charges, the brief asserted, "and the time has come when that advance must be removed."

GIRL CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLING FUND, ILL

Miss Cecile H. Wood former cashier of the South Bend Spring Water Co. is charged with embezzling practically \$10,000 from her employers, was reported so last night that the attendance of a physician was found necessary.

She was attended by Dr. J. H. Egan, and late last night it was announced that her condition is not alarming but that care and treatment will be necessary in order that her condition be brought to normal. Miss Wood's illness is the result, for the most part of her nervous condition, induced by her present trouble.

PERSHING HITS PROPOSED CUTS IN ARMY BUDGET

Declares Whole National Defense Project Imperiled by Plan.

CRITICAL HOUR AT HAND

Charges Vacillating Course Has Discouraged Competent Men from Service.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, March 14.—House appropriation committee proposals to cut the regular army to 115,000 enlisted men and 11,000 officers aroused Gen. Pershing Tuesday to a renewed declaration that the whole national defense project put through in 1920 would be imperiled if the slash recommended was made by congress. Success of that "sound military policy and system of national defense," he said in a statement to the Associated Press, depended upon adequate provision for the military establishment.

"The fibre of the regular army has been thoroughly tested," Gen. Pershing said, "by the strains placed upon it, not only in time of war, but in time of peace when it has had to withstand the onslaughts made upon it in the name of economy or pacifism."

Critical Hour at Hand.
"It appears now, due to the demands for economy in our national expenditures, another critical hour for the army and the national defense is at hand."

Referring to "the frequent slashes" in the army strength made by congress since the war, Gen. Pershing said a "vacillating course" with respect to army personnel discouraged competent men from entering the service and lowered morale and efficiency until it was "admitted if not impossible to use to advantage the services of even the best of such personnel."

Army Will Not Quit.
"But whatever congress may see fit to grant," the chief of staff added, "the army will, as it always has, apply itself to giving the nation as much national defense as it can. It will not quit, no matter how badly it is cut."

"It does ask, however, not through self-interest but in the interests of the country, its personnel and its means of accomplishing the missions be given some permanency and that be permitted, through continuity of effort, to give the country a full return for its expenditures for national defense."

DAUGHERTY REGRETS COAL MINE TANGLE

Attorney General Warns of Government Action in Emergency.

By Associated Press.
PALM BEACH, Fla., March 14.—Disappointment over the refusal of operators in the bituminous coal industry to meet union miners in conference in an effort to write a new national wage contract was expressed Tuesday by Atty. Gen. Daugherty during his visit here with Pres't Harding.

The attorney general at the same time reminded all parties involved that the threatened strike in the union fields was not a private matter, but involved the public, who would look to the government for protection in an emergency.

"I think it was a mistake on the part of the operators to hold out against a preliminary conference with the mine workers," Mr. Daugherty said.

"Don't Leave Brains Home on the Piano," Normal Prexy Warns

KALAMAZOO, Mich., March 14.—"If you start out for an evening's entertainment, don't leave your brains at home on the piano," Pres't Dwight B. Waldo of Western State Normal told students of the institution Tuesday. His remarks, he indicated, were prompted by the participation of three normal co-eds in an automobile race early Sunday which resulted in serious injury to Miss Emmeline Kwackernack, who jumped from the car driven by John Duval Dodge, son of the late John Dodge, Detroit automobile manufacturer.

Harding in Vacation Conference



Sec'y of War Weeks, George B. Christian, the president's secretary, and Pres't Harding hold a conference of grave importance at St. Augustine, Fla. The matter under discussion is whether it will rain, spoiling the day for golf.

Madalynn and Woman Juror Weep as Defense Reads From Note to Kennedy

Defendant's Counsel, in Closing Argument, Blames Slain Man's Parents.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., March 14.—Tears came to the eyes of Mrs. Madalynn Obenchain Tuesday as she listened to the opening argument in her behalf in her trial on the charge of murdering her sweet-heart, J. Belton Kennedy, Alfred F. MacDonald, who made the argument, dwelt upon the love which, according to the testimony, existed between the defendant and Kennedy, declaring it showed she had no motive for plotting Kennedy's death.

One of the three women on the jury wept when MacDonald read a letter Kennedy wrote to Mrs. Obenchain, containing the appeal: "Love me always."

The attorney declared the state's theory that Mrs. Obenchain was a "woman scorned" had been disproved and that "if anything this was a case of a man scorned."

Kennedy's parents to prevent the final argument Thursday. Charles W. Fricke, deputy district attorney, closed the first argument for the state Tuesday afternoon, appealing to jury to render a verdict "in accordance with the evidence."

There probably never has been a case, MacDonald said, in which a greater love and affection appeared than at the present trial.

"If it hadn't been for the efforts of Kennedy's parents to prevent the final argument Thursday, the two souls would have been married today and probably had one or two little ones running around this court house."

Mr. MacDonald sprung a surprise with his last words to the jury on Tuesday: "I am going to show you in the morning, out of the mouths of the state's own witnesses in this case, that J. Belton Kennedy met his death in Beverly Glen at the hands of two roughly dressed men, just as Madalynn Obenchain said he did."

Worried Look Gone.
When court convened Tuesday Mrs. Obenchain looked more as she did during the first days of her trial. Apparently knowing that so far as her personal efforts were concerned, the trial was over, she came into the court smiling. The tired and worried look she had worn since taking the witness stand in her own defense had vanished.

Resuming his argument Tuesday, Mr. Fricke referred to Mrs. Obenchain's story as a "canned statement" and asserted, "It was made (Continued on page two.)"

ACCEPT SIX JURORS FOR ARBUCKLE CASE

Court Bars Prosecution's Attempt to Question Venire on Certain Lines.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—Six jurors had been accepted tentatively at the close of Tuesday's session of the third manslaughter trial of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle. Two of them were women. Only a half day session of court was held on account of the funeral of a sister of one of the prospective jurors.

The prosecution attempting to ask of the woman members of the venire what she would do if it were shown that Arbuckle had told three different versions of the events at a party in his hotel apartment here Sept. 5, 1921, which were followed four days later by the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, but defense objections to the questions were sustained.

BONUS MEASURE IS READY FOR HOUSE ACTION

Ways and Means Committee Orders Favorable Report on Bill.

VOTE DOWN SALES TAX

Mellon and Crissinger Reiterate Before Committee Opposition to Plan.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—A favorable report on the long controverted soldiers' bonus bill was ordered Tuesday by the house ways and means committee by a vote of 19 to 8. Chairman Fordney plans to submit his formal report Wednesday or Thursday.

Rep. Fordney said he did not expect Speaker Gillett to bring any message on the bonus from the executive and that the subject of the conference with the speaker would be the question of calling up the bill next Monday under a suspension of the rules.

The vote on the measure Tuesday in the committee was taken 10 minutes after Sec'y Mellon, Comptroller of the Currency Crissinger and Gov. Harding of the federal reserve board had been questioned for two hours in open session as to their ideas of the bank loan adjusted certificate plan. The five members voting against a favorable report were Governor of Texas, Kitchen of North Carolina, and Collier, Mississippi, democrats; and Treadway of Massachusetts and Tilson of Connecticut, republicans.

Reject Sales Tax.
Before the final vote the committee rejected, 18 to 5, an amendment offered by Rep. Bachman, republican, New Jersey, to impose for a period of three years a one per cent tax on wholesale sales, designed to raise \$500,000,000 with which to finance the bonus.

Under an amendment suggested by Gov. Harding and adopted by unanimous vote, banks making original loans on the adjusted service certificates could have these certificates rediscouted by other banks authorized to make original loans on the certificates. Gov. Harding objected to having the certificates rediscouted by federal reserve banks, saying the general economic effect would be unfavorable.

Sec'y Mellon and Mr. Crissinger reiterated to the committee their opposition to the adjusted certificate plan. Gov. Harding declined to comment other than to say that in his judgment the bank loan plan might help the beneficiary, but probably not the banks.

A. F. OF L. ORDERS POLITICAL ACTION

Executive Committee Issues Proclamation for Non-Partisan Campaign.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Meetings immediately of local non-partisan campaign committees throughout the United States to "begin active preparations for the primaries," were called for Tuesday in a proclamation addressed to organized labor by the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor non-partisan political campaign committee. Where local organizations have not remained in existence since the last election, formation of the new committees is urged so that plans may be made "quite in advance" of a most intensive campaign of education of not only members of trade unions but of the great masses of the people and for placing in the field candidates regarded as "representative of the people's interests."

FINE CORPORATION AFTER BOOZE RAID

Michigan City Company and Officers Fined \$3,000—May Levy \$150,000 in Taxes.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-TIMES:
LAPORTE, Ind., March 14.—Fines and costs totaling more than \$3,000 were imposed upon the Zorn Products and Cold Storage Co., of Michigan City and its officers Tuesday for violation of the liquor laws.

As the result of the government's action against the corporation and its officers, it is expected that taxes and penalties amounting to \$150,000 will be levied against the company by the government for having operated without a license. The brewery will not be sold by the government, it is said.

The fines, costs and probable levies are the result of a raid on the brewery by prohibition operatives Feb. 25, when more than 32,000 gallons of beer of unlawful percentage of alcohol were found at the plant. It was confiscated by the raiders, who also placed officers of the corporation under arrest when 24 quarts of liquor were found in their homes.

In the action Tuesday, Herman Zerwick, brew master and manager of the Zorn plant, was fined \$300 and costs, and Frederick Vuhman, president, was fined \$500 and costs. A fine of \$100 and costs was imposed upon the corporation on each of 18 counts. Sixty-one outstanding charges were dismissed. The fines and costs were paid and the brewery was ordered not to make any more beer. Government authorities and agents poured more than 13,000 gallons of the beer seized in the raid down sewers Tuesday.

BULLETIN

FIRE MENACES "LOOP"

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, March 15.—Fire starting in the Austin building at South Canal street and West Jackson boulevard shortly after midnight spread rapidly and at 1:30 a. m. the entire block bounded by Canal, Van Buren and Clinton streets and Jackson boulevard were reported burning.

The flames were fanned by a high wind. An hour after the fire started, calls for special apparatus still were being rung in. The district is largely made up of wholesale houses and loft buildings.

CURZON REPLIES TO MONTAGU'S ATTACK ON INDIAN TANGLE

Foreign Secretary Quotes Own Letter to Disprove Montagu's Charges.

LONDON, March 14.—The house of lords was crowded Tuesday afternoon when Marquis Curzon, secretary of foreign affairs, replied to the address of Edwin S. Montagu, last Saturday before his constituency at Cambridge in which he said the foreign secretary was aware of his having given permission to publish the Indian government's telegram which led to Mr. Montagu's resignation as secretary of state for India. Lord Curzon left sick in the conference in order to make a personal statement.

He began by saying that Mr. Montagu's action had a grave effect upon the position of the British representatives at the forthcoming conference in Paris on the near eastern question. He said he told Mr. Montagu in a private conversation: "Of course, you won't authorize publication of the government of India's telegram without reference to the cabinet."

Deplored Publication.
"Disturbed and dismayed at Mr. Montagu's action," he continued, "I wrote a private letter deploring the action he had taken and protesting against the repetition of a similar occurrence."

He said he had not kept a copy of the letter, which he regarded as confidential, "and instead of making a statement in parliament, where he could be answered, Mr. Montagu went to his constituents and publicly travestied both this and the private conversations with him, and vilified a colleague."

Lord Curzon declared Mr. Montagu tried to "transfer some portion of the responsibility for his 'astonishing indiscretion to my shoulders.' He said he received from Mr. Montagu Tuesday a copy of the letter and asked the lord to remember Mr. Montagu's description of it as "plaintive, hectoring, bullying and unbecomingly indiscreet."

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PACT OPPONENTS LOSE FIGHT BY VOTE OF 30-55

Republicans and Democrats Divide on Almost Straight Party Lines.

DAY OF STORMY DEBATE

Political Possibilities of Administration Program Injected Into Debate.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—After another stormy debate in which pro-administration amendments of the administration program are discussed from several angles, the senate late Tuesday rejected by a divided almost on party lines the first two of the proposed amendments to the four power pact. The vote was 30 to 55. At the peak of their strength, with 11 short of the full membership present and voting, the opposition to the treaty marshalled 25 democratic and four republican votes, within two of a third of the full senate membership, but three less than enough to upset the two-thirds needed for final ratification if all senators participate in this vote.

Walsh Amendment Lost.
First of the two amendments acted upon was offered by Sen. Robinson, democrat, Arkansas, and provided that the four powers should refrain from aggression against non-signatory, as well as signatory nations, and that all interested nations whether signatories to the treaty or not should be invited to any conference over a Pacific controversy. The proposal was lost, 30 to 55. Later a similar amendment in different form was presented by Sen. Walsh, democrat, Montana, and was voted down 30 to 55.

Both bills call for republicans. Borah, Idaho; Johnson, California; France, Maryland, and La Follette, Wisconsin, voted in the affirmative, while an equal number of democrats, Flanders, Ohio; Russell, Louisiana; Underwood, Alabama; and Williams, Mississippi, joined the opposition.

Appeal to People.
In the senate proceeding the first vote nearly all the issues of the treaty fight were revived, and both democrats and republicans indulged in prophesies of what might happen if the arms conference treaties became an issue between the republican and democratic parties. Sen. Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin, warned the democratic side of the chamber that should the four power pact be defeated, Pres't Harding might withdraw the other treaties from the senate and ask the country for a verdict at the polls in November.

Sen. McCumber, republican, North Dakota, also a supporter of the treaty, invited the president to say what had become of the republican campaign pledge for 1920 for an association of nations, which should embrace all the principal powers of the world. Sen. McCumber said a smaller "association" had been formed by the four power treaty, but argued that Germany and Austria, among others, should be brought into a similar compact, because an incomplete combination "only would be a trouble breeder." He put into the record a plan of his own for such a world "association."

Arguing for the Robinson amendment, Sen. Walsh, democrat, Montana, likened the present contest to that which waged over the treaty of Versailles. Sponsors of the present treaty program, he said, were following in the footsteps of Pres't Wilson by endangering the result in order to preserve their handwork intact.

Both Sns. Lodge, of Massachusetts, the republican leader, and Underwood, Alabama, the democratic leader, argued against the amendments on the ground that they would necessitate re-opening the negotiations. When Sen. Walsh suggested that the American people were not so satisfied with such an explanation, Sen. Lodge retorted that "we'll risk that."

\$5,000 FINE IS CAUSED BY STUB OF CIGARET

—FIRE DESTROYED THE GRAND STAIR AT THE St. Joseph county fair grounds with a loss of \$5,000 Sunday.

The blaze was started by a cigarette stub carelessly thrown into a pile of rubbish by some boys. The exhibition hall and several other buildings were saved by firemen.

SHOOTS WIFE AND MAN AT ST. JOSEPH; SAID TO HAVE COME HERE

Believing that George Kooney, young St. Joseph Mich., husband and in a jealous rage, last night, shot his wife and John Roesch, is bound for St. Joseph, Mich., to find the shelter of friends. Berrien county authorities last night telephoned police of this city to keep a sharp watch for Kooney.